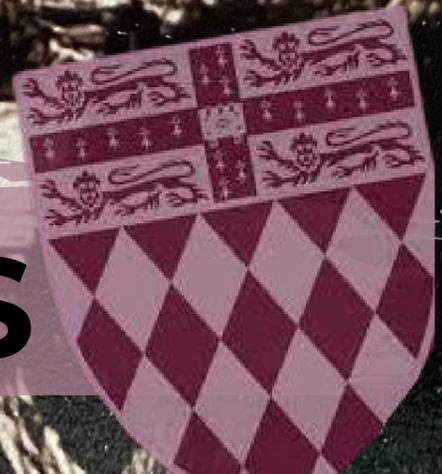


# FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE

# ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

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# WELCOME TO FITZ!

This is the Fitzwilliam College (affectionately known as Fitz) Alternative Prospectus! It has been compiled by current students for prospective applicants, to provide an insight into life at the college.

The following pages contain lots of information and photos to help you understand what Fitz is all about and whether it could be the place for you.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please email our JCR Target and Access Executive at [jcr.access.executive@fitz.cam.ac.uk](mailto:jcr.access.executive@fitz.cam.ac.uk) - they will be happy to answer any questions you have!

**@FITZWILLIAMCOLLEGE**



**@FITZOUTREACH**

# ALL ABOUT THE JCR

**@FITZWILLIAMJCR**

We are the JCR!  
 Officially the 'Junior Combination Room' committee, we are an elected body of student representatives (kind of like a school council, but we do get stuff done!) who work alongside members of college staff to improve student experiences of life at Fitz. We run events, negotiate rent prices, look after students' welfare and much more!

**@BLACKATFITZ**



**Joshan Parmar**  
JCR President



**Mayuran Visakan** JCR Vice-President  
**Alex Harper** Treasurer



**Mayuran Visakan** JCR Vice-President



**Gereth Efflin** BME Officers  
**Freya Prince** Class Act Officer



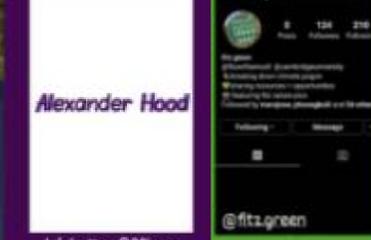
**Emilia Silaste** Academic Affairs Executive



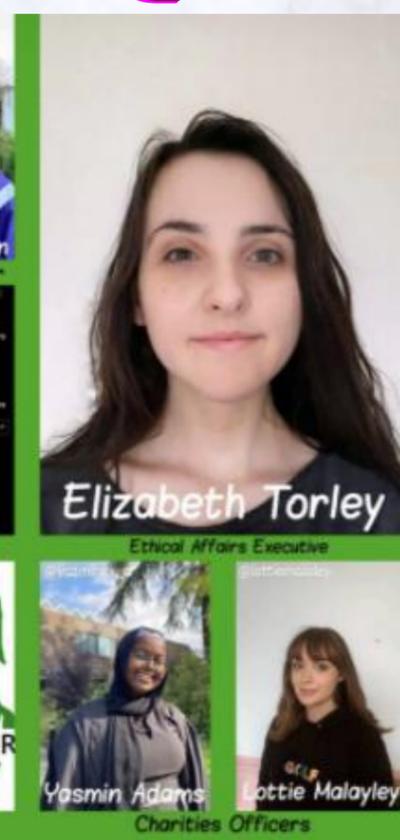
**Natalie Thompson** Target and Access Executive



**Sarah Anderson** Secretary

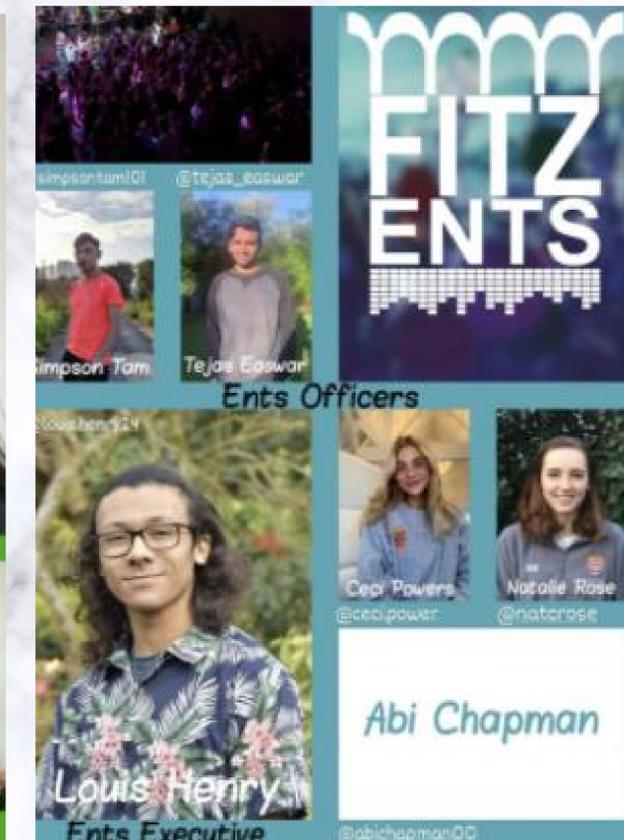


**Hannah Harrison** Green Officer



**Elizabeth Torley** Ethical Affairs Executive

**Yasmin Adams** Lottie Malaley Charities Officers



**Louis Henry** Ents Executive  
**Abi Chapman**

# WHY CHOOSE FITZ?

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We asked members of the JCR why they chose to come to Fitz and what they love about it. Here's what they said!

Emilia, JCR Academic Affairs Exec:  
'Everyone I have met at Fitz has been so helpful and friendly...that's what has really helped Fitz feel like a home to me.'

**@FITZ.GREEN**

Joshua, JCR President:  
'My favourite thing about Fitz is its community. It's not just where you'll live for three years and have some of your teaching - it's also a social hub where you'll meet so many fantastic people and get involved in a range of activities.'

Keri, JCR Disabilities and Mental Health Officer:  
'It is really easy to meet new people in the cafe and the bar...there is also a good deal of socialisation between year groups which is really helpful.'

Colin, JCR Male Welfare Exec: 'My favourite thing about Fitz is how many trees there are! And of course, there are loads of squirrels and we have the hedgehog habitat as well.'

# WHERE IS FITZ?

Many students prefer the fact that Fitz is not located in the centre of Cambridge - it means we escape the tourist attention!

But Fitz definitely isn't too far away from anywhere you'll need to go: -

Centre of town: 8 minute cycle / 20 minute walk

Sidgwick Site (humanities faculties): 6 minute cycle / 18 minute walk

Downing Site (many STEM faculties): 9 minute cycle / 27 minute walk

We also have a choice of nearby shops and supermarkets:

Eddington Sainsburys: 4 minute cycle / 17 minute walk

Aldi, Iceland and Co-op: 6 minute cycle / 10 minute walk



# ACCOMMODATION AT FITZ



First year rooms are all semi-ensuite. In second year, you can choose to ballot for a one of the college-owned houses located just across the road, or alternatively live in college again. Third years all move back into college and can ballot for some of the biggest and fully-ensuite rooms.

Accommodation at Fitz is affordable, located within or very close to college, and provided for the entire duration of your degree.



# FACILITIES AT FITZ



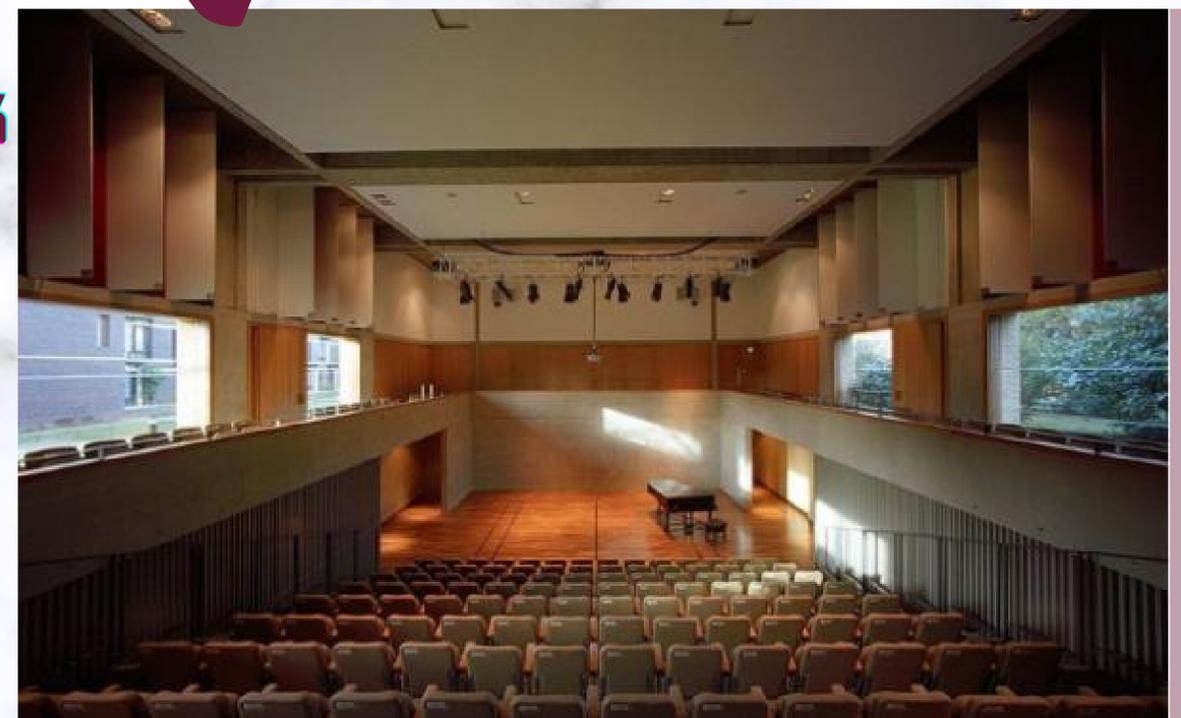
**Buttery/dining hall**



**Cafe/bar**

**@FITZWILLIAM\_BAR\_COFFEE**

**Auditorium**



**LIBRARIAN@FITZ.CAM.AC.UK**

**Olisa Library**

Here are just a few of our fantastic facilities at Fitz! We also have a fully-equipped gym, two squash courts and football, tennis and netball pitches just across the road!

# SPORTS AND SOCIETIES

Fitz is a very sporty college and students can get involved at all levels - whether you'd like to attend football training with the university first teams, or just play a friendly game of mixed netball on a Saturday!

Outside of the sporting realm, there is also the Hill College Orchestra; a cappella groups 'Fitz Barbershop', 'Fitz Sirens' and 'Mixbillies'; the Fitzwilliam Debating Society and many more. Fitz students are of course also welcome to join any of the university-wide societies where you can meet students from across the university.



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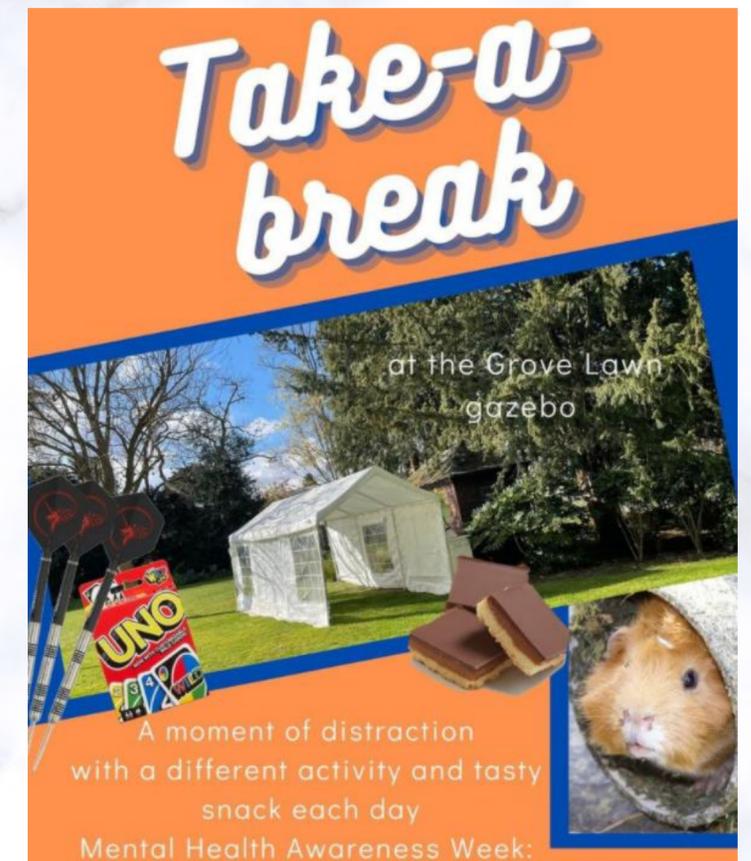
# WELFARE AT FITZ

Fitz staff and students understand that university life isn't all about work and that pastoral care is incredibly important. Every student is assigned a Tutor who they can turn to with pastoral concerns, or you can speak to your Director of Studies if you would prefer.

The JCR includes two welfare reps who organise events and socials to ensure students are looking out for one another and encourage them to step away from work for a while.

Colin, JCR Male Welfare: 'During lockdowns, running welfare events has been challenging but still do-able. We organised Christmas Packages containing decorations and mince pies, arrange free Zoom yoga sessions and ran a weekly 'welfare tea' for anyone who wanted to chat.'

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# FINANCES

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## THE CAMBRIDGE BURSARY



1 IN 4 CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME FORM OF BURSARY

£3,500

MAXIMUM CAMBRIDGE BURSARY



NON-REPAYABLE

THE VALUE OF EACH BURSARY IS DEPENDENT ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- STUDENTS WITH A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF £25,000 PER YEAR OR LESS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAXIMUM CAMBRIDGE BURSARY OF £3,500 PER YEAR

- THOSE WITH A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF BETWEEN £25,001 AND £42,629 PER YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A PARTIAL CAMBRIDGE BURSARY.

### KEY FACTS

- AVAILABLE TO UK AND EU STUDENTS
- AUTOMATICALLY ASSESSED WHEN YOU APPLY FOR A MAINTENANCE LOAN (UK) OR TUITION FEE LOAN (EU)
- STUDENTS AWARDED A BURSARY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY COLLEGE IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF MICHAELMAS
- PAYMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY INTO BANK ACCOUNT



### REMEMBER

- ON YOUR STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATION, YOU MUST CONSENT TO SHARING YOUR DATA WITH THE UNIVERSITY
- HIGHER BURSARIES OF UP TO £5,600 ARE AVAILABLE FOR MATURE STUDENTS AND CARE LEAVERS WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF £25,000 OR LESS

### MORE INFORMATION

[HTTPS://WWW.CAMBRIDGESTUDENTS.CAM.AC.UK/  
CAMBRIDGEBURSARY/ELIGIBILITY-AND-FURTHER-  
INFORMATION](https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary/eligibility-and-further-information)

## FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE TOP-UP BURSARY



INTENDED TO

- TOP UP THE CAMBRIDGE BURSARY SCHEME
- SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO JUST MISS OUT ON THE CAMBRIDGE BURSARY BASED ON THEIR FAMILY INCOME



NON-REPAYABLE

FUNDED BY DONATIONS FROM ALUMNI (AND TRINITY COLLEGE)

### KEY FACTS

- AVAILABLE TO UK AND EU STUDENTS ALREADY RECEIVING THE CAMBRIDGE BURSARY
- NO APPLICATION NECESSARY
- BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO STUDENT FINANCE
- DISCOUNTED FROM LENT TERM COLLEGE BILL



### REMEMBER

- ON YOUR STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATION, YOU MUST CONSENT TO SHARING YOUR DATA WITH THE UNIVERSITY
- STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A BURSARY MIGHT BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A FOLLOW-UP RESEARCH PROGRAMME ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE FUNDS



### MORE INFORMATION

[HTTPS://WWW.FITZ.CAM.AC.UK/COLLEGE-LIFE/FEES-  
FUNDING-AND-AWARDS/UNDERGRADUATE-SUPPORT-FUNDS](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/undergraduate-support-funds)

## FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE MAINTENANCE BURSARY



£1000

MAXIMUM MAINTENANCE BURSARY

- APPLICATION NECESSARY
- OFFERED TO UNDERGRADUATES BASED ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TO HELP COVER LIVING COSTS



NON-REPAYABLE

### KEY FACTS

- AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS (NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING A CAMBRIDGE BURSARY), REGARDLESS OF FEE STATUS
- APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR TUTOR, WHO WILL BE INVITED TO COMMENT



### IMPORTANT

- DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS - 28 JANUARY 2021
- AWARDS WILL BE PAID INTO ACCOUNTS TOWARDS THE END OF FEBRUARY



### MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM:

[HTTPS://WWW.FITZ.CAM.AC.UK/COLLEGE-LIFE/FEES-  
FUNDING-AND-AWARDS/UNDERGRADUATE-SUPPORT-FUNDS](https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/college-life/fees-funding-and-awards/undergraduate-support-funds)

## STUDENT RENT ALLOWANCE SCHEME



£20 PER NIGHT

VALUE OF ALLOWANCE (UP TO 14 NIGHTS)

- AVAILABLE TO UNDERGRADUATES CURRENTLY RECEIVING A COLLEGE MAINTENANCE BURSARY
- NO APPLICATION NECESSARY
- STUDENTS CAN BE ON ANY FORM OF RENT CONTRACT



NON-REPAYABLE

### CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- RESIDENCE IN COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION
- CURRENTLY RECEIVING A COLLEGE MAINTENANCE BURSARY
- HAS SPENT / WILL SPEND NIGHTS IN RESIDENCE DURING VACATIONS IN EXCESS OF THE 29 WEEK RESIDENCE PERIOD



### REMEMBER

- NO SPECIFIC APPLICATION IS NECESSARY
- THE ACCOMMODATION OFFICER WILL ADVISE ON THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS TO BE INCLUDED
- AWARDS WILL BE CREDITED TO STUDENTS' ACCOUNTS IN MAY OF EACH YEAR



### MORE INFORMATION

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# DAY IN THE LIFE

## of a History student at Fitz

Hi, I'm Natalie and I'm a second-year History student from Cumbria. This is a day in my life!



**7.30am:** Over breakfast, I get some admin work done. This usually involves planning my day and replying to emails.

**8.30am:** Shower and get ready. Even if I'm going to be working in my room that morning, I still get ready because I can't concentrate in my pyjamas!

**9am-12pm:** Work. Back in my first year, I would usually have a few lectures at this time, which meant a quick cycle to Sidgwick Site. A positive of having online lectures in second year, however, meant that I can watch lectures whenever I choose. I usually leave lectures until later in the day, instead choosing to use these most productive hours for work that requires more concentration, like reading or essay writing.

**12pm-1.30pm:** Lunch, often spent with friends.

**1.30pm-3pm:** Slightly less intense work, such as watching lectures or reading articles.

**3pm-5pm:** By 3pm, I've (hopefully!) got the majority of my work done and am usually in need of some exercise. I'll head to the gym, go for a walk, or cycle into town to run errands.

**5pm-6pm:** I do a lot of work for student societies including InsideUni and Student Minds Cambridge, so I will often have Zoom meetings or admin work to do for them in the early evenings.

**6pm-7.30pm:** Making and eating dinner with my housemates, catching up on our days. We often eat outside if the weather is okay!

**7.30pm-bedtime:** Chill time. I might go for an evening walk or go out for drinks with friends, or just stay in to watch Netflix. Then I'll do it all again tomorrow!

# DAY IN THE LIFE

## of a HSPS student at Fitz

Hi, I'm Sakhina and I'm a first-year Human, Social and Political Sciences student from Bedford. This is a day in my life!



**5.45am-6.30am:** As a Christian, I like to begin my day with prayer and some quiet time reading my Bible. Then I brush my teeth, put on my rowing clothes and eat breakfast with a cup of tea.

**6.30am-7am:** Unlike 99% of rowers and the majority of Cambridge students, I do not own a bike! So I usually walk to the Fitzwilliam College Boat Club for practice, which tends to wake me up.

**7am-9am:** Busy rowing my way down the River Cam, watching the sun come out and chatting with the other girls in the Novice team!

**9am-10.30am:** After practice, I walk back to college, have a shower, get ready for the day and have a quick snack.

**10.30am-12pm:** Library session! You can usually find me watching a lecture (or two on 1.5x speed!

**12pm-12.45pm:** My concentration span is not the greatest in the mornings so I take a break to have lunch, go for a walk around college and visit a friend.

**12.45-2pm:** Back to the library! In this session, I am usually doing some reading for an essay I'll write in the upcoming days.

**2pm-3pm:** Supervision!

**3.30pm-6pm:** I am more productive as the day goes on, so I'll spend this time planning or writing an essay.

**6pm-7pm:** I have a weekly book club over Zoom with some friends from home. This is a great opportunity to unwind.

**7pm-8pm:** You can find me in the kitchen cooking and eating with flatmates as we talk about our days.

**8pm-bedtime:** If my flatmates are free, we tend to have a games or movie night. If not, I'll stay in or go to get some ice cream from Jack's Gelato with friends! Then I'll have some alone time praying and reading my Bible. Then, lights off!

# DAY IN THE LIFE

## of a History student at Fitz

Hi, I'm Ali and I'm a first-year History student from London.

This is a typical day in my life!



**7.30am-9am:** I begin my day with a shower, get dressed and have some breakfast. I also look over the tasks I set myself the night before and complete admin tasks such as replying to emails.

**9am-10am:** Given that my lectures have been online, I have the freedom to choose when I watch them. I usually get through two or three on a good day, focusing on the lectures which are most relevant to my weekly essay.

**10am-12pm:** I start reading and researching for my weekly essay, making notes as I go. While reading, I put together thoughts on how to organise my points.

**12pm-1pm:** I take a lunch break and catch up with friends.

**1pm-3.30pm:** Get back to reading with more intensity, making sure my notes will be useful when I return to the topics later. Some days I will watch more lectures at this point.

**3.30pm-4pm:** Make a quick bullet-point summary of all the key information I gathered from my reading. After this, I check items off from the to-do list I have made for the week.

**4pm-5.30pm:** I use this time for anything I am working on outside of my degree. This involves applying for legal experiences or signing up for career-related workshops. Sometimes I schedule online tutoring work during this time.

**5.30pm-7pm:** I take some time to relax, cook and eat dinner with friends.

**7pm-8.30pm:** Get to the Fitz gym for a workout then return to shower again.

**8.30pm-end of day:** Catch up with friends and chill. If I have any free time before bed, I make a quick timetable for the following day based on what I have left to do.

# GLOSSARY

A few of the slightly weird terms you might hear floating around Cambridge!

ASNaC - pronounced 'azz-nack', referring to the subject and students of the Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic course.

Blue - the University's first team for any sport, or the students who play in these teams.

Buttery - cafeteria.

Cambridge Union - a historic society you can choose to (pay to) be a member of in order to attend debates and events.

Compsci - pronounced 'comp-skee', referring to a student of Computer Science.

Ents - slang for 'entertainments', usually organised by members of the JCR.

Fellow - a member of college academic staff.

JCR - committee of undergraduate representatives at a college.

Mathmo - a student of Mathematics.

May Week - confusingly in mid-June, after exams have finished, where students can attend May Balls and garden parties.

NatSci - pronounced 'nat-skee', referring to a student of Natural Sciences.

Pidge - every student has a 'pigeon-hole' in the Porters Lodge where they can receive post.

Sidge - short for 'Sidgwick Site' where most arts and humanities students attend lectures.

Supo - slang for 'supervision', during which students are taught in small groups or individually by an academic.

Tripes - the formal university examinations which undergraduates are required to pass in order to receive their degree.

UL - the University Library

# MAP

➔  
To central  
Cambridge

Buttery/hall

First year  
accommodation

Chapel

Library

Main entrance  
and Porters  
Lodge

